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CONFERENCE ON RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two-day annual conference on rural water supply and sanitation was held recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main recommendations made therein and the decisions arrived there at; and

(d) the steps being taken by the States to implement them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A two-day Conference of Ministers in-Charge of rural drinking water supply and rural sanitation in States and Union Territories was held on 4th and 5th July, 2007 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The conference was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh. Business Session progress under Bharat Nirman, issues of sustainability and convergence were discussed. Business Session II dwelt upon the progress under Submission and Water Quality Surveillance Programme, Data Management, Use of Technology for planning and Total Sanitation Campaign.

(c) & (d) The recommendations of the conference were to cover uncovered habitations of CAP 99, slipped back habitations and address quality affected habitations under Bharat Nirman. It also urged to expedite progress on community based National Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme, expedite progress by promotion of in-situ cost effective technologies with least environmental damages and cluster approach in selection of mitigation systems & infrastructures. The conference also recommended that considering the geographical conditions of the special category states, the funding pattern for these states may be changed. They also recommended for revision in the unit cost of toilets under sanitation programmme.